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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Changes to the specification are made with reference to the amended sheets forming the Annex of the International Preliminary Examination Report as filed with the original application.

On page 5, before line 19, please insert the following paragraph:

B¹ --Further scope of applicability of the present invention will become apparent from the detailed description given hereinafter. However, it should be understood that the detailed description and specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and modifications within the spirit and scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.--

On page 5, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

B² --The invention relates to a pressure relieving dressing comprising an absorbent element and a substantially non-absorbing pressure distributing element, wherein the absorbent element

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constitutes a part of a proximal skin contacting surface, said absorbent element being encircled by the pressure distributing element constituting the remaining part of the surface of the dressing to be in contact with the skin, characterised in that the absorbent element is situated ~~excentrically~~ eccentrically with respect to the pressure distributing element.--

On page 9, please amend the fifth paragraph beginning on line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

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--The absorbent element is preferably situated ~~excentrically~~ eccentrically with respect to the pressure distributing element.--

On page 13, please amend the fourth paragraph beginning on line 17 with the following amended paragraph:

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--In Figure 6 is shown another embodiment of the invention in which the edges are not bevelled, with a top layer (3) on one side and a layer of ~~a~~ an adhesive (5) on the skin-facing side. A pressure indicator may be homogeneously dispersed as discrete particles in the adhesive (5).--

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On page 14, after the last line, please insert the following paragraph:

--The invention being thus described, it will be apparent that the same may be varied in many ways. Such variations are not to be regarded as a departure from the spirit and scope of the invention, and all such modifications as would be recognized by one skilled in the art are intended to be included within the scope of the following claims.--
